

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1st HALF SPRING TERM 2025



Hope you've all had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year's break!!

We are excited to let you know that from now on we will be working much closer with Mrs Sachon and the reception children. Our planning will be linked so that when the children come together for free play times their play opportunities will be accessible and appropriate for all. As always, we will also be led by the children's interests. Rather than a half termly topic we will now be focusing on a focus text in two-week blocks, from which we will base play and learning opportunities. Details about this can be found in the parent/carer weekly outline planning email.

ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER- During the closure, the unofficial one-way system where cars come up the hill on Church Lane from the direction of Glebelands will no longer be possible and so cars will have to approach the school from the other direction. It would help ease the congestion if families could share lifts to and from school, and please allow a little extra time in the morning as it will probably be busy with cars needing to turn around.

We would recommend that, where possible, parents consider parking at the top end of Church Lane, and then walk down to the school.

'TAPESTRY' Don't forget to take a regular look at your child's Tapestry account – you will be able to keep up to date with the things that your child has been up to during sessions. If you get the chance, this is also a great opportunity for you to share with us what your child has been doing at home, perhaps you might like to post a picture of a model that your child has made, or their favourite toy for discussion during circle time.

WELLIE WALKS – We will continue to visit the scout field on Tuesdays weather permitting – we will still go if showers are forecast, but not in heavy rain. Ideally all would bring in their named wellies and waterproofs in a named carrier bag. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any issues with this as we do have limited spares available. **Everyone also needs to bring a named coat for every session.** If coming in with hats, scarves & gloves please ensure that these are also named.

PACKED LUNCHES – Please consider the containers that you send your child's food in for their packed lunches. Ideally these will be easy to open, which encourages your child's independence. Staff always support the children at lunchtime, but it's always good for the children to be able to manage their food independently. Please also make sure that all containers, bottles etc are named.

CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS – please ensure that your child's details; contact numbers, address etc are kept up to date. Please speak to a member of staff to check and update. *Please also complete your child's 'All about me' section on their Tapestry account if you haven't already done so. If you are having problems accessing this, we can let you have a paper copy to complete.

OUR LENDING BOOKS & TOY SACKS CONTINUE! It's been great to see how many children have been taking home our lending books and toy sacks. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to take home a toy sack. Books will be sent home as soon as the previous one has been returned.

SESSION TIME REMINDER

Gate open 8.40am, Preschool door open 8.50am for 9am official session start time.

Morning session 9 - 12pm, lunch 12 - 1pm, afternoon session 1 - 3.30pm.

The gate and glass doors will be open from 3.20pm so that older siblings in school can be collected at 3.30pm.

Drop-off and pick up will be from the double glass doors at the beginning and end of the day. Midday drop-off and pick up will be from the wooden road door.

Please also remember for working out your child's available funding that a full day is now officially 6.5 hours. Extra hours will be charged at the slightly higher new rate, 2-year-olds: £5.50 per hour, 3 and 4-year-olds: £5.00 per hour.

SCHOOL DINNERS – Please note we are a nut free school! Please do not send your child in with anything containing nuts. We will continue to offer the option of ordering a cooked school dinner for your child. Orders need to be paid for online by the end of Wednesday evening for the following week.

***Please speak to us if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns regarding preschool.**

Contact numbers - Pre-school landline – 24314 (Pre-school hours only)